

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 355

By Crowe

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the Hampton High School boys' basketball team upon winning the TSSAA Division I, Class A State Championship.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are pleased to specially honor and commend those successful school athletic teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, one such exemplary group of student athletes is the Hampton High School boys' basketball team, which achieved an extraordinary level of success during the 2022-2023 season by capturing the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association (TSSAA) Division I, Class A State Championship; and

WHEREAS, fighting against the top-ranked Middleton High School Tigers who were on a twenty-five-game winning streak, the Hampton High School Bulldogs defeated their opponents in a stunning upset by a score of 51-43 to finish the season with an impressive 30-8 record; and

WHEREAS, this title marks the first boys' basketball state championship for Hampton High School since the 1960 "Little Mountain Men" team was led to victory by Hall of Fame Coach Walter "Buck" Van Huss; and

WHEREAS, the young men of the Hampton High School boys' basketball team have displayed ability, teamwork, and perseverance, and with the help of their coaches, parents, teachers, school administrators, supporters, and many fans, they have represented their school and the State of Tennessee in fine fashion, displaying peerless character both on and off the basketball court; and

WHEREAS, during this incredible championship season, the members of the Hampton High School Bulldogs etched their names into the annals of Tennessee sports history; their

dedication, determination, work ethic, and talent not only made possible a successful and memorable basketball season but also surely point toward their success in future endeavors; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate the members and coaches of the Hampton High School boys' basketball team upon winning the TSSAA Division I, Class A State Championship and extend to them our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.